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For: POLARIZING PLATE HAVING )  
OPTICALLY ANISOTROPIC LAYER )  
FORMED FROM LIQUID CRYSTAL )  
MOLECULES )

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